

Minutes of Water Advisory Committee- FINAL  
For Meeting of January 3, 2005

Attendees: Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District  
Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District  
Michael Ban, City of Petaluma  
Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma  
Al Bandur, City of Sonoma  
Randy Poole, Sonoma County Water Agency  
Pam Jeanne, Sonoma County Water Agency  
Tim Anderson, Sonoma County Water Agency  
Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa  
Virginia Porter, City of Santa Rosa  
Mike Martini, City of Santa Rosa  
Jane Bender, City of Santa Rosa  
Paul Helliker, MMWD  
Jon C. Mandell, MMWD  
Krishna Kumar, Valley of the Moon Water District  
Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park  
Darrin Jenkins, City of Rohnert Park  
Matt Mullan, Town of Windsor  
Richard Burt, Town of Windsor  
John Nelson, JONWRM

Public Attendees: Don McEnhill, League of Women Voters  
Brenda Adelman, RRWPC  
Tom Yarish, Friends of the Esteros  
Bob Anderson, United Wine Growers  
Fred Soares, Southwest Neighborhood Alliance  
Jim Downey, Penngrove / Kenwood Water  
Paul Stutrud, OWL Foundation

1. Check In  
Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The attendees checked in.
2. Public Comment  
None
3. Approval of December, 5, 2005 Minutes  
The minutes will be held for approval until the next meeting.
4. Update MMWD & SCWA Agreement  
Paul Helliker, MMWD, distributed a handout summarizing four options for MMWD establish an additional firm supply of 5,000 acre-feet of water. Under their current contract, the option expires on June 30, 2005. He advised WAC that Option #3 and Option #4 are most likely. He will be discussing this with his Board on Wednesday and will report back to WAC at the next meeting.

Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma, inquired what the termination date would be if one of the options was exercised. Randy Poole, SCWA, advised the terms of the current contract would need to be modified and the contract would expire in 2014.

Per discussion, it was agreed that the LRT2 Subcommittee would meet on this issue, do a background, and report back to WAC with recommendations within 3 months. Randy Poole, SCWA, will distribute any relevant agreements to the LRT2 Subcommittee.

Mike Martini, City of Santa Rosa, said that option #3 needs to have a value placed on the water. John Nelson, JONWRM, commented that any temporary use of the water has no value.

Chris DeGabriele, NMWD, advised since it has been offered in the past, the WAC might reconsider having MMWD as a prime contractor.

5. Report from State Water Resources Control Board

Randy Poole reported that it is apparent the Contractors need to review, update, and complete the BMP's and their Conservation Programs

Video CD's of the State Water Board Hearing were distributed to the WAC members. Additional tapes are available through the SCWA.

6. Update on Schedule of Completion of Section 7 Consultation

Randy Poole advised that the draft Biological Assessment has been completed and that partial BO's will be drafted on each activity. It is expected that the EIR/EIS will likely be completed before the final comprehensive BO is issued.

Brenda Adelman, RRWPC, asked about the status of the Potter Valley Project. Randy Poole informed her that they are operating under a 15% reduction in flow.

7. Water Conservation O & M Charge

Randy Poole discussed with WAC the probability of increasing the charge for the upcoming year in order to get all contractors on schedule with the BMP's and their Conservation Programs.

Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park, motioned that the Contractor's water conservation Working Group meet to review performance of the contractors toward implementing BMP's and the Section 7 Special Efforts section of the impairment condition MOU. Mike Martini seconded the motion for discussion. It was also recommended that the Working Group meet with SCWA staff to discuss the O & M charges, provide recommendations, and report back to WAC. All favored.

Brenda Adelman mentioned that the State Board wants to know how BMP implementation has resulted in reduced water consumption.

8. Check Out

Miles Ferris and Jake Mackenzie suggested a review of Disaster Preparedness Plans for a future agenda item.

Randy Poole informed WAC that the Collector 6 Pump House is under construction and due to be on line this summer. He also asked that updates on development activity be e-mailed to Jay Jasperse at SCWA as soon as possible.